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WILLOW CREEK FIRE BURNING IN MT. NEBO WILDERNESS

Spanish Fork, Utah, August 17, 2010 – The Willow Creek fire has burned approximately 200 acres in steep, rugged terrain within the Mt. Nebo Wilderness. The lightning-caused fire is actively burning in pinyon juniper, mahogany, and sage and is being managed to protect private lands and property, municipal and irrigation water sources, and provide for firefighter and public safety.

Due to the steep hazardous, terrain, firefighters are using an indirect attack strategy. Control lines are being constructed at the lower elevations of the fire. A rock face has been identified at higher elevations that will act as a natural barrier. The fire will be actively managed at lower elevations; at higher elevations it is expected to eventually burn itself out.

Resources on the fire include a 20-person Hotshot crew, and seven-person squad. An additional 20-person crew and two helicopters have been ordered. A Type 3 Incident Management Team will assume management of the fire this evening.

The fire is very visible from the I-15 corridor adjacent to Mona City.

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